

CLEAN VERSION OF CLAIM CHANGES

11. (Amended) A method of utilizing the electric motor assembly of claim 1 to start the main electric motor, comprising the steps of actuating the electric starter motor whose operation is coupled to the main electric motor, while the main electric motor is maintained off until a starting rotation is reached wherein at least the nominal rotation of the main motor is reached, and starting the main motor upon the starting rotation being reached.

18. (New) A method of utilizing the motor assembly of claim 1 to start the main electric motor, comprising the steps of actuating the electric starter motor whose operation is coupled to the main electric motor, while the main electric motor is maintained off until the nominal rotation of the main motor is reached, and starting the main motor.

19. (New) A method according to claim 18, characterized in that it further includes the step of switching off the electric starter motor, when the main electric motor reaches the nominal rotation of the electric starter motor, and actuating the main electric motor.

20. (New) A method according to claim 19, characterized in that the electric starter motor is switched off simultaneously with the actuation of the main electric motor.